



United States Department of Agriculture

Student & Recent Graduate Programs

Welcome to the NRCS Students and Recent Graduates information center! This is your one-stop site for information about student and recent graduate opportunities at NRCS. We offer internships for high school students and degree-seeking undergraduate and graduate students studying agricultural and natural resources-related fields such as plant pathology, agronomy, range science, soil science, forestry, ecology, botany, biology, civil and agricultural engineering. We also offer programs for recent graduates from qualifying institutions. Please find information regarding your eligibility below.

Pathways Programs

The Pathways Programs offer clear paths to opportunities with NRCS for students from high school through post-graduate school. The Pathways Programs consist of the Internship Program, the Recent Graduates Program, and the Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) Program.

Internship Program

This program is targeted at current students and individuals accepted for enrollment in a qualifying educational program. This program provides students enrolled in a variety of educational institutions, with paid opportunities to work in agencies and explore Federal careers while still in school.

Recent Graduate Program

The Recent Graduate program targets individuals who have recently graduated from qualifying educational institutions or programs. Eligible applicants must have applied within two years of degree or certificate completion. Successful applicants will be placed in a dynamic, one-year career development program.

- ♦ Additional details are available on the one-stop site at: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/careers/student/>
- ♦ To apply to the Pathways Program visit: <https://www.usajobs.gov/StudentsAndGrads>
- ♦ For information about Iowa NRCS visit our website at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/ia/home>